BLACKSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT News Release

DATE: April 8, 2006

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SUBJECT: Burglary Arrest

Blacksburg Police have arrested a local 22-year-old man for breaking into an auto-repair business.

On April 8, 2006, at approximately 6:30 am, the Blacksburg Police were called to respond to North Main Auto in the 1300 block of North Main Street for a Burglary in progress. Officers arrived to find William Coyie Merix, 22, of Blacksburg, still inside the business. Merix was arrested for breaking into the business and taken before a Montgomery County Magistrate where he was charged with Burglary. Merix is currently being held in the Montgomery County Jail without bond.

Blacksburg Police are continuing the investigation into this incident and the possibility that Merix may be connected to other recent reported burglaries in the Town of Blacksburg.